

OCS Administrative and Project Grants Received

Grants fund the operation of and projects undertaken by the Governor's Office of Community Service

Administrative Grant

Grantor: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service

Funding: \$200,000 + Supplemental: \$3,204 = \$203,204

Project Period: 1/1/13-12/31/13

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This grant award is provided to assist the Office of Community Service in carrying out a national service program as authorized by the National and Community Service Act of 1990. The award also funds the activities of the Montana Commission on Community Service.



ReadyMontana Grant

Grants fund outreach to engage citizens in service and emergency preparedness, the Governor's Fire Ready and Winter Ready Initiatives, and Citizen Corps Projects undertaken by the Governor's Office of Community Service

FY11 Citizen Corps Grant

Grantor: Montana Disaster and Emergency Services

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service

Award: \$194,436

Project Period: 11/17/2011-6/30/2014

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Citizen Corps Grants awarded to the Office of Community Service support the Ready Montana initiative, which seeks to increase the preparedness of Montanans for all types of disasters and emergencies. To achieve this goal, the Office of Community Service provides resources for grassroots organization of citizens through neighborhood preparedness parties and map your neighborhood training, coordinates Fire Ready Montana and Winter Ready Montana campaigns, and organizes the Rocky Mountain ShakeOut, an annual statewide earthquake drill. In addition, the office sub-grants funds to the American Red Cross of Montana to mobilize their hundreds of volunteers across the state to provide formal, structured disaster and emergency preparedness trainings for organizations, businesses, educators, and more.



2013 Grant Year AmeriCorps Program Grants Awarded



Competitive

Montana AmeriCorps programs competing on the national level for funding

Montana Conservation Corps

Award Recipient: Montana Conservation Corporation, Inc.

Award: \$1,872,000

AmeriCorps Members: 254

Contact: Jono McKinney, (406) 587-4475, jono@mtcorps.org

Website: <http://www.mtcorps.org/>

Executive Summary: Over the past twenty years, Montana Conservation Corps has developed a versatile program that uses the power of service and the crew dynamic to mobilize a new generation of land stewards to protect Montana's iconic landscape. This environment; however, is at-risk from catastrophic wildfires, invasive weeds, trails in disrepair, natural disasters, and climate change. MCC will recruit 245 AmeriCorps members to serve on small crews with 177 partners to improve 650 miles of trails, restore 2500 acres of public and tribal lands, educate 2000 home occupants for energy conservation, and mobilize 1,250 volunteers. Young veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars will serve to reduce wildfire risks and gain skills to transition to forestry and wildfire fighting jobs. This project will focus on the CNCS focus areas of environmental stewardship and veterans. The CNCS investment of \$1,872,000 is matched with \$3,349,067 (64% grantee match) to support 254 members for 145.38 MSY at a cost of \$12,876.60 per MSY.

State Formula

Montana AmeriCorps programs competing on the state level for funding

Justice for Montanans Project

Award Recipient: Montana Legal Services Association

Award: \$172,895

AmeriCorps Members: 13

Contact: Alison Paul, (406)442-9830 Ext 115, apaul@mtlsa.org

Website: <http://www.justiceformontanans.org/>

Executive Summary: The AmeriCorps*State Justice for Montanans Project seeks to empower low to moderate income Montanans, to uphold their legal rights, and increase access to justice. The thirteen (13) members will serve as navigators of the justice system to help low income individuals apply for and obtain legal help, refer low to moderate income individuals to legal information and resources, process consumer inquiries and complaints, and assist crime victims across the state. Members will also increase awareness of access to justice issues and the impact these issues have on communities throughout Montana and leverage an additional 140 volunteers to help low income Montanans gain access to justice. Upon completion of the grant cycle, low-income Montanans will have increased access to the courts, legal services, and other means of asserting and protecting their legal rights. This project will focus on the applicant-identified areas of Legal Services as well as address the CNCS focus areas of Economic Opportunity, Capacity Building, Healthy Futures, and Veterans and Military Families. The CNCS investment of \$172,895 will be matched with \$148,875.

Montana State Parks AmeriCorps

Award Recipient: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Award: \$143,500

AmeriCorps Members: 18

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Executive Summary: The Montana State Parks AmeriCorps program promotes healthy, active and environmentally aware communities by increasing volunteerism, enhancing educational opportunities, and improving community outreach in Montana State Parks. AmeriCorps members serving this program will develop a commitment to stewardship of natural and cultural resources.

Big Sky Watershed Corps

Award Recipient: Montana Conservation Corps

Award: \$181,957

AmeriCorps Members: 14

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Executive Summary: America's headwaters are at-risk in Montana. The Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) invests in community solutions to protect and restore healthy watersheds and public waterways. AmeriCorps members will lend innovation and skill within watershed organizations to improve at-risk ecosystems at the very headwaters of our nation's greatest rivers, and mobilize volunteers to restore America's Great Outdoors.

FoodCorps Montana

Award Recipient: FoodCorps Inc.

Award: \$125,000

AmeriCorps Members: 10

AmeriCorps MSY: 10

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Executive Summary: FoodCorps is a national service organization that seeks to reverse childhood obesity and food insecurity by increasing vulnerable children's knowledge of, engagement with, and access to healthy food. Ten AmeriCorps members will invest one year each to serve with a network of state and local partners in Montana. Members will deliver food and nutrition education, cultivate school gardens, and source and promote local food for K-12 students in communities of need. This model has already been shown to measurably improve student attitudes toward fruits and vegetables, setting them on an enduring path toward maintaining a healthy diet and lifestyle.